

MEANS ACCUSES MELLON OF PLOT TO SELL PERMITS TO PAY OFF REPUBLICAN DEBT

**Claims Late Jess Smith
Gave Him Documents
Purporting To Show
That Secretary Of
Treasury Was In Deal.**

**Also Claims Montague's
Bookkeeper Confessed to
Plot Involving "Upham
and Whole Whiskey
Ring"—Senator Bursum
Mentioned.**

Washington, May 29.—Gaston B. Means told the senate Daugherty committee today that he received from Jess W. Smith in 1922 certain documents purporting to show that Secretary Mellon agreed to issue a batch of whiskey withdrawal permits in return for money, which was to go toward payment of the deficit of the republican national committee.

Bursum and Upham
The alleged arrangement, the witness said, was with a man named Red Sheldon, who was to receive the permits and pay over the money. He added that according to the story Senator Bursum of New Mexico and Fred Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee, went to Mr. Mellon's office in regard to the matter.

Later, he said, Senator Bursum denied that he had any part in such a plan, and said he had sent Sheldon to the treasury secretary, "just as he would send any other caller," and without knowing his purpose.

Whole Whiskey Ring
Secretary Mellon, Means asserted, himself told H. L. Scofield, a former justice department man, about the arrangement in September, 1922. Afterward, the witness went on, he got a confession from a man named Stevens, a bookkeeper for the A. Montague in New York, "involving Mr. Upham and the whole whiskey ring."

Means On Stand
Gaston B. Means, detective, former government investigator and one time international spy, took the witness stand today again before the senate Daugherty committee to give additional details of his story that he carried "protection" money in huge amounts to Jess Smith, dead companion of former Attorney General Daugherty.

His story ended, he will go to New York for trial next week on charges of taking money from bootleggers, in a prosecution in which he promised "to ask or give no quarter."

Means repeated his assertion that in the summer of 1922 Smith asked him on the strength of a letter from President Harding, to investigate the liquor situation. He worked for some time, Means said, on such an inquiry in New York.

Senator Wheeler then asked if he had anything to do with it.

"I did. The department of justice assigned me to investigate some oil matters in February 1922," said Means.

He went on to say that Richard Cole, an oil man, came to Washington and entertained a number of senators. Asked if Cole was attorney for Estaban Cantu, who was planning a revolution in Lower California, Mexico, he replied:

"He was more a promoter. He had a lot of correspondence with the association for protection of American rights in Mexico. That body had no other purpose than to create agitation, and if necessary, revolution in Mexico."

Names Morgan's Man
Means named E. L. Doherty and Martin Egan, "J. Pierpont Morgan's confidential man, as officers of the association."

"You worked for Morgan, too?" Senator Wheeler put him.

"I had a run-in with him," Means replied.

The association, he said, "employs ministers, teachers, anybody, in order to help lead the masses astray."

Means said he was suspended from the department of justice staff just at the time he was investigating the association.

"Regardless of that suspension I never left the department of justice," he went on. "I was right there the same as ever."

"That means you were making reports to them right along?" asked George E. Chamberlain, counsel for Daugherty.

"Yes, lots of them," Means said. "Made them on the bread price investigation."

"During the impeachment proceedings in the house against Mr. Daugherty, weren't you working for W. J. Burns?" Senator Wheeler asked.

"I was," Means said. "The night the charges were drawn up by that crowd in the house, I had them under surveillance. I walked into a room of the department of justice where Paul Howland, Daugherty's attorney, was, and handed him a copy of the charges they drew up. I also had five bootleggers in the car—bootleggers I was robbing in the car—bootleggers I was robbing in the car. That was the first time I ever saw Mr. Howland."

Howland who was sitting at the committee table, asked permission to read an extract from the senate hearings March 13 in which, he said,

METHODISTS FAIL TO CHANGE DIVORCE LAW

**Conference Adjourns After
Voting Down Liberal
Wedlock Rule**

Springfield, Mass., May 29.—A proposal for a drastic change in the divorce law of the Methodist Episcopal church was defeated by ten votes at the closing session of the general conference today. The vote was 369 for adoption to 379 against.

The present law forbids ministers to marry a divorced person when the husband or wife is living, unless that person be the innocent party in a divorce for adultery.

The change would have legalized all marriages except those of guilty parties in divorces for adultery.

The proposed change also forbade ministers to marry "any person known to be physically, mentally or morally unfit."

"The present law can't be enforced," the Rev. G. Bromley Oxman of Los Angeles, Cal., declared, "and thousands of persons divorced for reasons other than adultery are now living in adultery and are subject to trial."

"If we have a bad law, we ought to repeal it," he declared.

Dr. David G. Downey of New York warned the delegates not to take "this backward and reactionary step."

The Rev. Wallace H. Finch of Stamford, Conn., asserted that "pastors are under an impossible position under the present law." Dr. George Elliott of Detroit, editor of the Methodist Review, opposed the change.

Bishop Hughes addressed the delegates on the accomplishments of the conference in the devotional services proceeding, adjournment, and summoned the delegates to go forth in prayer to their new tasks. A dinner in honor of Bishop William F. Anderson newly transferred from Chicago to Boston will be held after adjournment. It was announced.

The conference adjourned at 1:20 today.

CAPTURED THIRD TIME

**Patrol Boat Again Takes Rum-
Running Yacht Theodore Into Custody
With Boats Supply on Board.**

New London, May 29.—For the third time within a few months the gasoline yacht Theodore of Greenport was seized last night in the Race, carrying 500 cases of Scotch whiskey and a crew of four.

The seizure was made by the marine patrol boat Liberty manned by New York customs agents, who brought the vessel, liquor and prisoners here about 1 o'clock this morning.

The craft, its cargo and crew were sent to New York, the latter for arraignment.

The crew members gave their names as Captain George Matthews, Walter Ferguson, John E. Levin and John Sprague, all of Greenport. Sprague is believed to be one of the Theodore's crew at the time he was last captured about two months ago off Orient.

SOCCER TEAM DEFEATED

**American Players Lose 3-0 To
Uruguayan Outfit and Therefore Are
Out of Olympic Competition**

By the Associated Press.
Paris, May 29.—The American Olympic soccer football team today was defeated 3 to 0 by the Uruguayan team and thereby eliminated from further competition for the Olympic title.

NO NEARER SOLUTION
Chicago, May 29.—Today police admitted that they seem to be no nearer a solution of the kidnapping and murder of the 13 year old Franka boy than they have been since the slaying last week.

SNOW IN ADIRONDACKS
Glens Falls, N. Y., May 29.—Six inches of snow fell on the top of Gore mountain, near North Creek in the Adirondacks Wednesday night, Fred Austin, state fire warden, reported today.

**ALL WAR VETERANS INVITED TO JOIN
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**
On Friday May 30, the veterans of three wars will unite to celebrate a holiday which is dedicated to the soldier dead. On that day will be honored the memory of those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefield in service to their country and those who fought through all our wars to a victorious finish to lay down their life's burdens in times of peace.

It is fitting that our people should on this day cherish the memory and deeds of these soldier dead, and it is sincerely and urgently desired that the people of our city show due reverence for the spirit of the day by participating in the simple exercises which will be held in the morning at the Soldiers Monument in Central Park, and at the Court of Honor in Walnut Hill park.

It is further desired that all veterans whether or not they are affiliated with any veteran organization, participate in the short parade and memorial exercises and in behalf of the Memorial Day committee of the Veterans Betterment Council, embracing all veteran organizations of the Civil, Spanish American and World Wars, I extend a cordial invitation to all war veterans to join with us in the observance of the day.

E. E. OGREN,
Commander, Eddy-Glover Post, No. 4,
American Legion.

Attest: H. C. JACKSON, President,
Veterans Betterment Council.

QUINN CLASSIFIES WILSON AS MARTYR

**Legion Commander Says He Died
for Democracy's Fulfillment**

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

**Expresses Hope That Veterans of
Three Wars Have Not Died in Vain
—Hopes Ideals Some Day Will Be
Fully Realized.**

Chicago, May 29.—Woodrow Wilson died for democracy's fulfillment as if he had died at Chateau Thierry, John H. Quinn, commander of the American Legion, declared in his annual Memorial Day message, made public here today.

"America pauses in her stride to honor and revere the men who died for our nation's destiny," the message said. "It is the sixth Memorial Day since the World War added thousands of lives to that long list of heroes whose blood is the mortar of our country's foundation."

Recall Those Who Died
"Every city, town and hamlet is sending flowers to these graves, the white crosses which mark in tragic alignment over hill and dale in France are almost hidden by flowers. It is the day when we recall the men who died, their deeds, and the ideals for which they gave an unstinted all."

"At home the Civil War veterans with more blank files than last year and ranks more numerous than they will be next year, pay their annual tribute. The ranks are depleted, the step feeblers and the eye duller. Too soon, their faltering march will be no more and only the memory of their deeds will remain with us to cherish."

"The stout-hearted Spanish war veterans gather to honor the men who died in 1898, the heroes who wrote freedom from tyranny and protection for the weak on world history with letters of scarlet."

"With these veterans of two great conflicts foregather the khaki club millions who fought the fight for democracy. They fought, they believed, a war to end war; there was to come a new peace on earth, good will to all men. That ideal has not yet been achieved, but on this day of memories let us pray that it will someday be realized, that our dead are not sacrificed in vain."

Tribute to Wilson
"Sixty last Memorial Day, Woodrow Wilson has passed on, and sleeps with the thousands who died for democracy's fulfillment. Our war-time president died for the cause he so fervently believed in, as surely as if his pain-racked frame had been hanging limply on the barbed wire of Chateau Thierry. He was our comrade, our inspired leader, with universal peace as his heart's desire."

"In him were crystallized the ideals upon which this nation is founded, the ideals for which veterans of three wars pay homage to their dead. As we make the pilgrimage to the grave-strewn cemeteries let us remember his fearless leadership and his goal-perpetual peace."

"And in remembering the ideals for which he and our comrades died, let us pray that a way will be found to end all war forevermore, so that no future generation will mourn on Memorial day for another generation of youths offered on the altar of sacrifice in another war."

SUICIDE IDENTIFIED
Found in Louisville—First Thought Implicated in Franks Murder Case

Louisville, May 29.—A. E. Heath, a Chicago druggist, was found in an unconscious condition at a rooming house here today and taken to a hospital where he is in a critical condition.

Police announced the man was suspected of being implicated in the kidnapping and slaying of Robert Franks in Chicago, basing the statement on information from the hospital that Heath had confessed. Inquiry at the hospital revealed that Heath had made no statement concerning the case, the authorities apparently having misunderstood the message.

Chicago, May 29.—Charles F. Heath, a former druggist, who is in a Louisville, Ky., hospital disappeared from a hospital here last Monday after he had apparently attempted to end his life. Detectives were seeking him when he vanished.

Heath had swallowed a sleep-producing drug on Sunday but when detectives sought him the next few days he had disappeared from Mercy hospital. He formerly had a drug store less than two miles from the home of the parents of Robert Franks, the 11-year-old boy who was kidnapped and murdered.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL
Hartford, May 29.—Michael Hurley, who lived in a State street rooming house, died at the Hartford hospital today as a result of losing his right and left hand early this morning when a freight train ran over him in the switch yard. The police believe he had gone to sleep under a freight car.

**Flowers for Cemeteries
Must Be Left Tonight**
A. G. Hammond camp, United Spanish War veterans, requests that flowers for the graves of Spanish war veterans be left at the state armory on Arch street not later than 9 o'clock tonight.

FIRE RAVAGES VILLAGE
Ottawa, May 29.—Fire in the village of Grandfield, 50 miles from here early today destroyed a bank, 2 hotels, 3 stores and 10 dwellings.

NO HERALD TOMORROW
The Herald will not publish Decoration Day, and takes this opportunity of wishing everybody a pleasant holiday.

THE WEATHER
Hartford, May 29.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Unsettled, with showers tonight and probably Friday; cooler Friday.

**CHORUS GIRL SAYS
COMEDIAN BEAT HER**

**Tinney Arrested on Charge of
"Loveliest Girl in Follies"**

SAYS HE KNOCKED HER COLD

Famous Musical Show Star Doesn't Take It Seriously and Makes Joke Out of Arrest—Jealous of Her, Complainant Declares.

New York, May 29.—Frank Tinney, vaudeville and musical show comedian was taken to a Manhattan police station early today on a charge of having feloniously assaulted Imogene Wilson, who is known as "the loveliest girl in the follies."

The comedian was brought here from Mineola, L. I., where he had spent most of the night in the county jail after his arrest at his home in Baldwin. He made merry at the police station, posed laughingly for the newspaper photographers and smiled broadly in denying Miss Wilson's accusation that he had so severely beaten her in her West 72nd street apartment last Tuesday night.

Miss Wilson appeared before Magistrate McAndrews with her head and body bruised, the result of a beating she said was administered by Tinney the previous night, while she was being interviewed by a reporter concerning her report to police Sunday night that she had taken poison. A physician's examination showed she had taken harmless pills.

Tinney is married to Edna Davenport, a former musical comedy actress.

Beat Maid as Well
Miss Wilson told the police that the comedian had not been satisfied with beating her, but had administered chastisement to her negro maid as well. The negro appeared in court with bandages covering the wounds which she said had been administered by the actor.

It was just after she had entered her West 72nd street apartment last night, accompanied by a newspaper man to whom she was retelling her life story, that Miss Wilson declared the attack took place. Tinney was there when they entered, she said.

He Knocked Her Cold
"I kissed him," she related. "He said, 'Come here, honey.' I did, and he knocked me cold."

The pretty compeche explained that her troubles were due to Tinney's jealousy.

"Frank has been insanely jealous of me," she said. "He has had detectives follow me, of course, I love him. I'm crazy about him, but now I'm through. I'll never speak to him again."

BANK EMPLOYEES PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO FORGERY AND ARE BOUND OVER TO JUNE TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

**Hoffman Found Guilty, Sentenced
To 20 Yrs. To Life In Sing Sing**

WARTIME FRAUDS ARE TO BE SETTLED SOON

**Attorney General Orders
Immediate Clean-Up of
Pending Cases**

Washington, May 29.—The many pending prosecutions growing out of wartime transactions are to be pressed to as quick a conclusion as possible under a revised department of justice policy announced today by Attorney General Stone.

Efforts of the war transactions section of the department are to be coordinated under one man still to be selected. Paul Shipman Andrews of Syracuse has been appointed head of "aviation unit" in the war transactions section, as the first step in the rearrangement.

The attorney general said it was his desire to have the war cases disposed of in a general clean-up. He wanted either to bring them to trial, or force a final decision as to what shall be done with them.

Some of these cases, which involve a total in excess of \$50,000,000, are no longer subject to court action because of the statute of limitation. Others have only a few months longer before they too will be outlawed by the same statute.

Coordinating the action under one man, Mr. Stone believes, is the only way to secure efficient action.

C. F. Reavis of Nebraska has resigned effective June 1, as special assistant to the attorney general in charge of the quartermaster unit of the war transactions section.

**Called to Door, Shot
Down by Three Gunmen**

**Longmeadow Man in Critical Condition
After Mysterious Shooting—
Conn. Car Only One**

Springfield, Mass., May 29.—State local police are prosecuting a vigorous search for three unknown men who late last night called Charles Kosky to his door in the neighboring town of Longmeadow and fired three shots at him of which all took effect. The only clue to the identity of the assailants is an automobile bearing a Connecticut registration which was found near the house apparently abandoned when the trio had trouble in starting it. Kosky's 15 year old daughter, the eldest of four, ran to a public garage some distance away and gave alarm and Kosky was rushed to a hospital here in a serious condition.

D. J. Manning of the state police took charge of the case, with the Longmeadow police and ordered the state patrolmen at the Agawam and Northampton barracks on the case.

Mrs. Kosky is said not to live with her husband and the police are working on a theory that domestic trouble may have some connection with the case.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

**Man Recently Suspected in New
Haven Bank Robbery Now Held For
Theft of an Automobile.**

New Haven, May 29.—Raymond Hill, detained recently in connection with the holdup in the private bank of Paul Russo when two men got \$1500 and who was arrested last night after he had driven the car of Prof. A. E. Kosman of Yale into a police trap, was bound over to the higher court today on the charge of stealing the car. Hill was hurt in the crash and woke up in the hospital from which he tried to escape and in which he refused to give his name. He was not badly hurt and the police recognized him. Hill was released in the bank case as evidence was lacking to prove that he drove the car in which the robbers escaped.

**Defrauded Govt. Out of
Million, Fined \$12,500**

New York, May 29.—Henry L. Joyce, indicted last September on charges of defrauding the government out of \$1,000,000 while wartime marine manager of the Central railroad of New Jersey, was fined \$12,500 today by Federal Judge George English. It was charged that Joyce diverted business and repair work at exorbitant prices to the stevedoring corporation and the lost repairing company in which the defendant was interested. The corporations were each fined \$1,000 by Judge English on plea of guilty to similar charges.

TRUCK GOES OFF BRIDGE

**Driver and Companion Narrowly
Escape Death as Machine Plunges
Into Naugatuck River at Seymour.**

Seymour, Conn., May 29.—Blinded by the rain on the windshield Frank Blais of Waterbury, lost control of a three ton truck which he was driving from New York to Waterbury early today the truck crashing through a bridge railing off the state highway between here and Ansonia. The machine toppled over a ten foot embankment into the Naugatuck river. Blais was rescued from the driver's cab by a companion, who was on the rear of the truck escaping with a few lacerations and bruises.

The truck was a complete wreck.

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Judge Ailing Declines To Reduce Bond From \$20,000 After Accus- ed Men Waive Ex- amination.

**Snelgrove, Domijan and
Smith Held on Specific
Count — Using Others'
Names to Get Money for
Stock Gambling.**

FORGED LOAN CERTIFICATES

**The warrants on which the men
were arraigned this morning charged
each one of them with a specific
forgery, alleging that the men forged
names on loan certificates which they
used to replace money they embezzled
from the bank. It was ex-
plained by bank officials that because
of the men being officers of the insti-
tution, they were enabled to put these
forged certificates through without
entering them on the bank's books,
and having them go through the regu-
lar routine prescribed for such loans.**

Domijan, who gave his age to the police at 23, was charged with forging the name of William F. Murphy to a collateral loan certificate for \$3,000.

Smith was charged with forging the name of Francis Gillespie for \$4,100, and Snelgrove with forging the name of E. W. Carmon to a note for \$5,450.

Prosecutor Joseph G. Woods told the court that there were many other charges of forgery against the men but that only one against each man was presented at this time. Attorney Alfred LeWitt represented the three men in court and asked that the bonds be reduced.

Judge Ailing refused to lower the bonds, saying that in view of the fact that the entire case would be open shortly, he did not think such action would be advisable.

Confessions Broad Admissions.
Deputy State Banking Commissioner L. E. Shippee, speaking by telephone from his office in the capital building at Hartford, told the "Herald" today that the confessions signed by Snelgrove, Domijan and Smith were practically identical. The confessions were simply admissions that the men forged certain notes, the details of the alleged crime being omitted almost entirely from the documents. After the confessions had been signed, the men were given a more thorough cross questioning, resulting in the authorities obtaining specific information concerning their methods. The confessions are now in the custody of County Detective Edward F. Hurley, who is attached to the office of State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn at Hartford.

Commissioner Shippee said that the stocks in which Snelgrove, Domijan and Smith gambled were all of a highly speculative nature. They did not pay any special stocks but speculated in a variety of issues.

It was rumored that the conspiracy was exposed when a bank official telephoned to a man whose name was signed to a post due note and asked him to pay, the reply being that he had not given any note at the bank. Commissioner Shippee denied this rumor, saying: "In the course of the annual examination of the bank's books, irregularities were found which were reported to the officers of the institution. They investigated and reached a point where certain loans were closely scrutinized. But before they had established any definite case of forgery the three men confessed."

McCur's Bench Works
The finding of a loaded 22 caliber revolver on Domijan was the result of a "police hunch" by Detective Sergeant William F. McCue of the New Britain police department. During the examination of the three men in a room at the Burrill hotel yesterday, McCue noticed that Domijan watched him closely, seeming to fix his stare on the detective to the exclusion of the others present. McCue wondered at his conduct and then hit upon what he believed was the cause.

Jumping to his feet, McCue said: "Domijan, give me that gun you have in your pocket."

"Who told you I had a gun?" Domijan is said to have replied.

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CONVICTED SLAYER OF MRS. MAUD A. BAUER SUFFERS COLLAPSE WHEN THE JURY BRINGS IN SECOND DEGREE MURDER VERDICT—RAVES AT PROSECUTOR FACH.

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20 YEARS TO LIFE

Hoffman, stunned at the verdict, collapsed into a chair, his head buried in his hands, as he comprehended the significance of the words of the jury's foreman. He remained in this position as his attorney waived his client's right to a forty-eight hour stay for sentence, and stood dazedly, swaying on his feet, as County Judge Tiersan imposed sentence of from twenty years to life imprisonment in Sing Sing prison.

The conviction of Hoffman, a motion picture operator, married and the father of two children, was the climax of one of Staten Island's most sensational murder cases.

Murder Last March
It had its inception late on the afternoon of last March 23 when the body of pretty Mrs. Maud Bauer, young mother of two daughters, was found by the side of a lonely Staten Island road. She had been shot, beaten and strangled and there was evidence that she had successfully fought off an assassin.

A large part of the police department went to work on the case, with but slender clues to pursue. Witnesses were found who told of having seen Mrs. Bauer, driving her mother and daughters in her small car, stalling the motor in the mud of a lonely road when she had seemed to avoid collision with a truck. Her mother told of a passing motorist, a lone man in a coupe, who stopped and rendered his services to Mrs. Bauer as she was walking toward a distant house to seek assistance.

These, with a good description of the mysterious motorist, were the only tangible clues. For more than a week the police, spurred on by a clamor of Staten Island residents for an arrest, pursued the search which ended in the arrest of Hoffman, who, fitted the description of the man sought.

Evidence Convincing
From the first he stoutly maintained his innocence, and a fellow motion picture operator, Roney Parker told the police Hoffman had been with him in the projection room of a theater, at the time Mrs. Bauer was murdered. But the police had learned that three days after the murder, Hoffman had sent to his brother a letter in which he declared that he was the man who had shot and strangled Mrs. Bauer.

Parker, a few days later, repudiated the alibi he had offered for Hoffman, declaring his fellow operator had asked him to "frame" it, as he feared the police would arrest him for the Bauer murder.

Damaging Testimony
District Attorney Fach produced 72 prosecution witnesses in building up his circumstantial case at the trial which opened Monday of last week. The most damaging testimony was offered by Barbara Parks, 15-year-old school girl, who identified Hoffman as the man who had offered Mrs. Bauer a "lift" and by a firearms expert who declared that only bullets from Hoffman's gun could have caused the death of Mrs. Bauer.

The case went to the jury late last night. Hoffman, on his way to the prison van after sentence had been imposed, passed within a few feet of District Attorney Fach and shrieked at him: "Now you and your lying witnesses can divide up your reward. I am innocent and you know it."

He suffered an emotional collapse in his cell and cried aloud.

It is understood that the verdict of the jury had been held up eight hours by two of its members who held out for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

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